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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

James R. Brittain

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/1/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7-39, 42-53, 56-67 and 70-259 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) See action is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims objected to are 2,3,9-17,20,21,27,29,30,37,38,44-47,51,52,58-61,65,66,72-75,89,90,93-99,102,108,110,117,118,121-124,128,129,132-135,139,140,143-146,150,151,155,156,161,163,164,171,172,177,178,183,184,189,190,197,199,200,207,208,225,226,233,235,236,243,244,251,253 and 254.

**DETAILED ACTION*****Information Disclosure Statement***

Upon review of this application, I regret to inform you that several of the lists of references provided by applicant are no longer associated with the image file wrapper. The only list of references currently in the file, which were provided by applicant in an IDS, is the one signed by me on June 30, 2003. Applicant is requested to provide copies of the previously filed IDS's so as to complete the file so as to have the art submitted by applicant listed on the file wrapper.

***Claim Objections***

Claims 2, 3, 9-17, 20, 21, 27, 29, 30, 37, 38, 44-47, 51, 52, 58-61, 65, 66, 72-75, 89, 90, 93-99, 102, 108, 110, 117, 118, 121-124, 128, 129, 132-135, 139, 140, 143-146, 150, 151, 155, 156, 161, 163, 164, 171, 172, 177, 178, 183, 184, 189, 190, 197, 199, 200, 207, 208, 225, 226, 233, 235, 236, 243, 244, 251, 253, and 254 are objected to because of the following informalities: The following terms lack clear antecedent basis: "the slider" (claims 2, 3, 9, 13, 14, 16, 37, 38, 44-46, 51, 52, 58-60, 65, 66, 72-74, 89, 90, 93, 96, 97, 99, 117, 118, 121-123, 128, 129, 132-134, 139, 140, 143-145, 150, 151, 171, 172, 177, 178, 183, 184, 185, 186, 207, 208, 225, 226, 243, 244) should be changed to --the slider member--; "the door" or "said door" (claims 2, 3, 27, 37, 38, 51, 52, 65, 66, 89, 90, 108, 117, 118, 128, 129, 139, 140, 150, 151, 161, 171, 172, 177, 178, 183, 184, 189, 190, 197, 207, 208, 225, 226, 233, 243, 244, 251) should have "door" changed to --door portion--; "the notch of the door portion" (claim 20, lines 1-2; claim 155, lines 1-2) wherein the dependence should be changed from "18" to --19-- and from "149" to

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--154--; and "the shoulder of the side wall" (claim 21, lines 1-2; claim 102, lines 1-2; claim 156, lines 1-2). Appropriate correction is required.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

All claims will be allowed upon applicant amending the above objected to claims to obviate the objections.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 18, 19, 22-26, 28, 31-36, 39, 42, 43, 48, 48-50, 53, 56, 57, 62-64, 67, 70, 71, 76-88, 91, 92, 100, 101, 103-107, 109, 111-116, 119, 120, 125-127, 130, 131, 136-138, 141, 142, 147-149, 152-154, 157-160, 162, 165-170, 173-176, 179-182, 185-188, 191-196, 198, 201-206, 209-224, 227-232, 234, 237-242, 245-250, 252, and 255-259 are allowed.

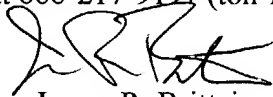
***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R. Brittain whose telephone number is 703-308-2222. The examiner can normally be reached on M, W & F 5:30-1:30, T 5:30-2:00 & TH 5:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on 703-306-4115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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